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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE SUPERVISORS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ON-LINE GRANT RESOURCES

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Community and faith based organizations and county departments will soon have access to an on-line, web-based grant research database, allowing them to access federal, state and private funding opportunities.

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors today approved a contract with eCivis to provide countywide access to an extensive collection of grant resources. The contract expands access beyond county departments to community and faith based organizations, free of charge, allowing users to compete for these dollars on a more equal footing.

"This tool gives organizations a broader net, allowing them to fish for additional funding opportunities," said San Bernardino County 5<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor Josie Gonzales. "As the grant market becomes increasingly competitive and traditional funding sources dwindle these groups need more resources like this that allow them to become more self-sufficient."

The on-line database will be available in over 30 county libraries in early July. The service also will be available at county business resource centers in the cities of Rancho Cucamonga and Hesperia. Community and faith based organizations throughout the county will be identified and those additional resource sites will be operational by mid-July.

On October 25, 2006, the county will host a Grant Writing Conference in San Bernardino. Training on the new web-based database will be provided during the conference. For more information on the event contact Briana Lane at (909) 387-5301.

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